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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Intelligence Directives

1. Problem. To compile intelligence directives in force, assure their receipt by responsible officials, and provide for similar processing of future issuances.

2. Facts Bearing on the Problem.

a. Fifteen Directives of the National Security Council (NSCID's) and eight Directives of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCID's) are currently in force.

b. These directives have issued at various times since December 1947; two proposed Directives (NSCID-16, DCID 11/1) are currently under review.

c. Dissemination of Directives varies greatly depending on the subject matter, but in the case of all issued prior to October 1950 policy established in 1950 prohibits distribution of more than thirty copies.

3. Discussion. The directives of the NSC and the DCI, issued pursuant to appropriate provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, constitute the basic specific authorizations for agreed intelligence activities, procedures and objectives. As such, they are vital to an understanding of the Federal intelligence system and to an intelligent approach to intelligence problems. Such understanding and approach is hampered when those involved lack knowledge of or convenient access to the basic authorities. Present restrictive distribution policies prevent adequate dissemination and convenient reference. Except in the case of directives concerning COMINT or covert matters, wider distribution and more convenient compilation would more adequately meet the needs of the Agency and the IAC agencies. Adequate control of the intelligence directives can be assured within the Agency by attaching a covering instruction from the DCI.

4. Conclusion. Existing and future intelligence directives should be distributed on a realistic "need to know" basis and in convenient format.

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5. Action Recommended.

a. Existing intelligence directives be uniformly printed and compiled in loose-leaf form and carry a covering instruction on handling from the DCI. (TAB A).

b. AD/CD be directed by DD/I to implement distribution of intelligence directives according to present considerations of need-to-know. (TAB B).

c. The IAC be advised of this policy, and asked to reconsider those directives which the Agency feels deserve rescission or revision. (TAB C).

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